GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Haj Pilgrimage
P. Shri Nagarajan

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

a) Whether the Union Government has requested the Ministry of Shipping to restart sea route and to provide Akbar and Noorjahan ships to ferry Haj Pilgrimage;

b) If so, the details thereof; and

c) The response received from the Shipping Ministry in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Minority Affairs is only exploring an idea on the possibilities for the revival of Haj Pilgrimage through ships as an additional option for the Indian Haj Pilgrims, with the Ministry of Shipping. Ministry of Shipping has informed that the ticketing charges will be less than airline charges if vessels with passenger capacity of 1100 are used. Further, other logistic arrangements including assembling of pilgrims and travelling time would also need to be considered. As advised by the M/o Shipping, the M/o External Affairs have been consulted . It is still on exploratory stage and nothing has been fixed up.

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